



# News Release

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## State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

## Benton County

In December 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Eva Barany** (NC10020123) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly borrowed \$2,000 from a patient and hasn't repaid it.

In December 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Trisha Honn** (NA60202806) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly took blank prescription forms without permission, forged and filled prescriptions for Oxycodone for herself.

In December 2012 the Nursing Commission ended the probation order against registered nurse **Becky Lynn Hopwood**, also known as Becky Lynn Heffling (RN00137652).

## Chelan County

After a hearing in December 2012, the Board of Pharmacy granted the application of pharmacy assistant **Geoffrey A. MacPherson** (VB60285456) and placed his credential on probation for two years. He voluntarily surrendered his license to practice as a physician in Washington in 2010.

### **Clallam County**

In December 2012 the Nursing Commission placed the licenses of registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Bridgett B. Kraft** (RN00067557, AP30005000) on probation for three years. She didn't complete or save chart notes, was unable to refer to past appointments because she hadn't completed or saved chart notes, didn't follow test results for treatment, and prescribed medication inappropriate to treating the condition.

### **Clark County**

In December 2012 the Veterinary Board of Governors charged veterinarian **Michael L. Baker** (VT00006064) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly often refused to provide owners or other veterinary practices with requested patient records, or provide records in a timely manner to veterinarians. Other charges include not communicating important information about a patient directly to an owner that threatened the life of the animal.

### **Franklin County**

In December 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program reinstated the license of chemical dependency professional **Wayne A. Jenkins** (CP00000981) and placed it on probation for two years.

### **King County**

In December 2012 the Massage Practitioner Program charged **Shannon Jeanne Beatty** (MA60274064) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly didn't comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In December 2012 the Agency Affiliated Counselor Program ended the probation order against **David Frances Benishek** (CG60126191).

In December 2012 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **John M. Birkeland** (CH00002297) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly didn't comply with a prior order and didn't submit to a health exam required by the commission.

In December 2012 the Massage Practitioner Program entered into an agreed order with **Kristin K. Lee** (MA60072225). She practiced as a massage therapist with an expired license. Terms of her agreement include paying a \$932 fine, and taking and passing a jurisprudence exam.

In December 2012 the Secretary of Health released certified nursing assistant and chemical dependency professional trainee **Fabian Lamont Miller** (NC60140110, CO60250601) from conditions set against his credentials.

In December 2012 the Dental Commission entered an agreed order with dentist **Sohrab Moshiri** (DE00005739, GA10000161) with a general anesthesia permit, and placed conditions against his

license and permit. Conditions include completing continuing education programs, and paying a \$15,000 fine. He supervised and directed an unlicensed employee to assist him during oral surgery, performed and billed for treatments without pre-authorization from Department of Social and Health Services, and billed for treatments using procedure codes that reflected a higher service level and payment rate than justified by patient records. There were also many deficiencies found in his practice when submitting to an infection control inspection.

In December 2012 the Nursing Commission placed the credentials of registered nurse and licensed practical nurse **Leonard M. Muigua** (RN60106705, LP00056164) on probation. He mentally abused vulnerable adults while working in an adult family home.

In December 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified and registered nursing assistant **Jamie A. Sepulveda** (NC60252850, NA60241442) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly didn't follow a patient's care plan by not asking a second person to help for a two-person transfer. Charges say that when she tried to move the patient by herself, the patient fell and aggravated a pre-existing hip fracture.

### **Lewis County**

In December 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Michelle Lynn Buckholz** (CO60299565) and placed her credential on probation. She was convicted of three counts of violating the Uniform Controlled Substance Act — possession of methamphetamine.

In December 2012 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **John A. Brucker** (RN00106459) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly tested positive for marijuana during a workplace drug screening and was fired.

### **Okanogan County**

In December 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **David F. Russell** (CO60215813) and placed his credential on probation for three years. He was convicted of unlawful possession of controlled substance and violating the Uniform Controlled Substance Act — possession of methamphetamine.

### **Pierce County**

In December 2012 the Agency Affiliated Counselor Program charged **Lora Dear** (CG60161805) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly entered into an inappropriate personal relationship with a patient.

### **Skagit County**

In December 2012 the Mental Health Counselor Program ended the probation order against licensed mental health counselor **Stephen J. Ruhl** (LH00006345).

In December 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Michael Wayne Slater** (CO60297742) and placed his credential on probation. He was convicted of burglary, possession of drug paraphernalia, criminal trespass, conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance — heroin and cocaine, and 12 counts of theft.

### **Thurston County**

In November 2012 the Health Care Assistant Program charged health care assistant **Tracy Marie Hill** (HC00149317) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly didn't comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In December 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Shamrul Neshaw Hossain** (NC10049391) with unprofessional conduct. The Florida State Board of Nursing allegedly placed her certified nursing assistant license on probation.

In December 2012 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of registered nurse **Tera J. Pilon** (RN60093289) with conditions that include participating in a substance abuse monitoring program.

### **Walla Walla County**

In December 2012 the Health Care Assistant and Nursing Assistant Programs charged health care assistant and certified nursing assistant **Michael Vernon Nelson** (HC60109045, NC10067812) with unprofessional conduct. He pleaded guilty to driving under the influence, harassment, and criminal trespass.

### **Out of State**

**Indiana:** In December 2012 the Nursing Commission reinstated the credential of licensed practical nurse **Tiffany M. McCloud** (LP00057546) and placed it on probation for two years.

**New Jersey:** In December 2012 the Nursing Commission reinstated the credential of licensed practical nurse **Kimberly K. Martinez** (LP00054708) and placed it on probation.

**Oregon:** After a formal hearing in December 2012, the Medical Commission placed conditions against the credential of physician **Kenneth F. Wenberg** (MD00025365) that include completing a records and documentation course, and submitting quarterly reports to the commission. He didn't comply with a 2010 order.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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